

February 27, 2003

Dear Medicaid Recipient:

We have great news to share with you! The income limit reduction scheduled for March 1, 2003, for disabled and senior Medicaid recipients has been reversed by Governor Michael Leavitt and the Utah Legislature. The Utah Department of Health will now return to the previous Medicaid income limit for disabled people and seniors to 100% of the federal poverty rate. This means that for one person, the income limit is \$739; for two people, the income limit is \$995. Assuming your countable income is still less than the limit, and that nothing else has changed on your case, you will continue to qualify for Medicaid eligibility without paying a spenddown. Your case will be re-worked as quickly as possible. Please locate the box below that refers to your situation.

If you received a purple* medical card for March:

- because you paid your spenddown and you still qualify for eligibility without a spenddown under the restored policy, we will send you a refund of the spenddown that you paid.
- because you were put on the Medicaid Work Incentive Program and paid your premium, and you still qualify for eligibility without a spenddown under the restored policy, we will send you a refund of the premium that you paid.

If you received a yellow* medical card for March:

- because you paid a \$50 enrollment fee to qualify for the Primary Care Network and you still qualify for eligibility without a spenddown under the restored policy, we will send you a refund of the enrollment fee that you paid.

If you did not receive a purple* medical card for March:

- because you did not pay your spenddown, and you still qualify for eligibility without a spenddown under the restored policy, a March medical card will be mailed to you.
- because you were put on the Medicaid Work Incentive Program and did not pay your premium, and you still qualify for eligibility without a spenddown under the restored policy, a March medical card will be mailed to you.
- because you asked to have your case closed (because you did not plan to pay the spenddown), please contact your worker and let them know that you want to have your case re-opened. If you still qualify for eligibility without a spenddown under the restored policy, a March medical card will be mailed to you.

*Some people received a peach colored Qualified Medicare Beneficiary Coverage Card – this does not cover Medicaid services, including pharmacy services.

All refunds will be sent in about 4 weeks. Please watch for a notice that will explain the new status of your case. If you have an urgent medical need before you receive your card, contact your worker for a temporary medical card. If you have any other questions before you receive your card, you may call your caseworker or the Bureau of Eligibility Services at 801-538-9984. We have appreciated your patience during this time as our budget is balanced with available funding.

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